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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL No.: 09/462,846

FileD: January 13, 2000

FOR: PROTEASES FROM GRAM-POSITIVE

ORGANISMS

EXAMINER: Hutson, R.

PATENT

ART UNIT: 1652

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Director for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:	_
The following extension of time is requested	to respond
to the Notice to Comply dated September 12, 2000.	
one month to	_; the
extension fee is \$110.00.	
two months to	; the
extension fee is \$390.00.	
three months toJanuary 12, 2000; the ext	ension fee
is \$890.00.	
four months to	; the
extension fee is \$1,390.00.	
five months to	; the
extension fee is \$1,890.00.	
The extended time for response does not exce	eed the
statutory period.	
[ ] The shortened statutory period has been rese	et by an
Advisory Action dated	

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[X] Charge \$890.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1348 (Docket No. GC381). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 12, 2001

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